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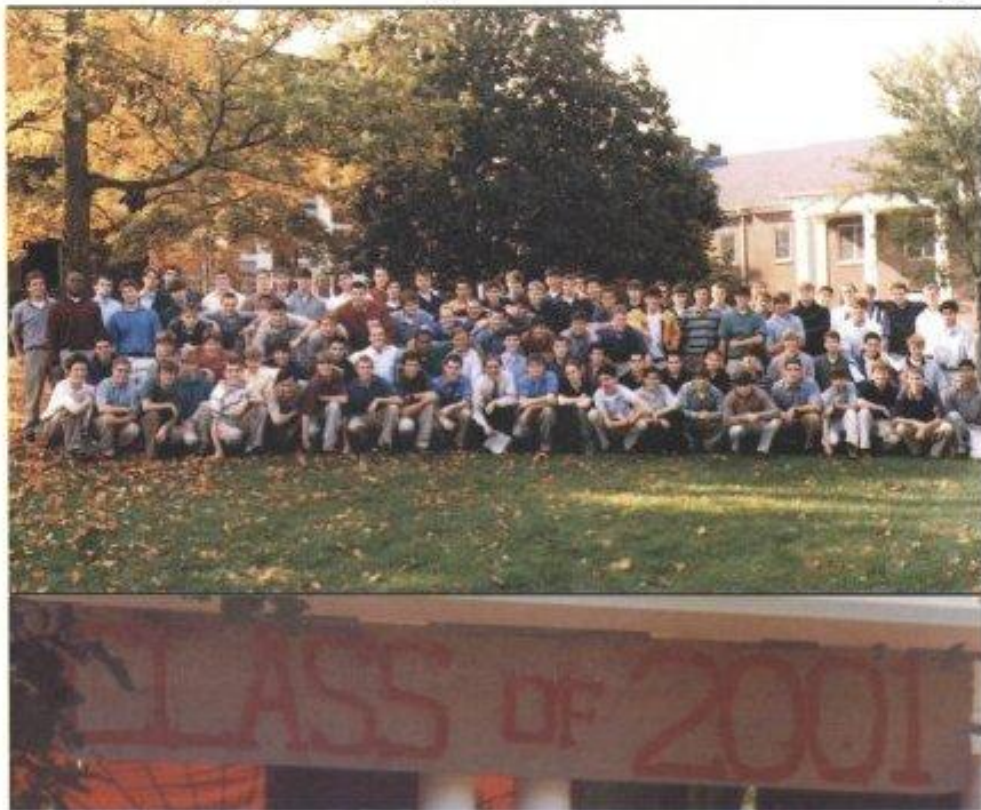


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College Choices of the Class of 2001

Evan Abrahams
David Lipscomb University

Josh Adkins
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Cal Alexander
Vanderbilt University

Bill Alley
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Jamie Atkinson
University of Virginia

Saied Azamtarrhian
University of Illinois

Lee Ballard
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Jonathan Batchelor
College of Charleston

Chris Bateman
Dartmouth College

Myles Bennett
Rhode Island School of Design

Andrew Berg
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

BJ Billips
University of Mississippi

Matthew Bills
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Brad Boyd
Washington University

Daniel Branscome
Connecticut College

David Braren
Loyola University-New Orleans

Adam Brooks
Ohio State University

Jake Brown
Denison University

Will Bruce
Junior Hockey-Michigan

Edward Buchanan
Vanderbilt University

Jesse Bull
Brown University

Nathan Burkhalter
University of Mississippi

Edward Coble
University of Alabama

Drew Conrad
University of Pennsylvania

Andrew Coulton
Trinity University

Ben Derry
Albertson College

Jamey Dickens
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Adam Diehl
University of Georgia

Andrew Dunn
Furman University

Blake Esterday
Wake Forest University

William Floyd
University of Alabama

Duncan Fort
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Dalton Franklin
Trinity University

Emre Genca
Vanderbilt University

Patrick Gibbs
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Rick Gotwald
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Will Greathouse
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Britt Groomes
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Brandon Gruber
Baylor University

Andy Gryll
Emory University

Cliff Hancock
Memphis University

Jay Harbison
Middlebury College

Charlie Harris
Furman University

Miller Harris
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Carter Henderson
Year Off

Dan Herring
David Lipscomb University

Ben Hickerson
Ohio State University

Will Hines
Trinity College-Connecticut

Ryan Holt
Wake Forest University

Zac Hood
University of Colorado-Boulder

Logan Hughes
University of Alabama

John Humbracht
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Hunter Huston
University of the South

Steve Ingram
Trinity University

Paul Johnson
University of Pittsburgh

William Kaminski
Occidental College

Davis Lentz
University of the South

Scott Lewis
Northwestern University

Leighton Liles
University of Delaware

William Liles
University of Delaware

Jared Lostetter
United States Military Academy

Aaron Manier
Emerson College

Ingle Martin
University of Florida

Ian McDaniel
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Matthew McIntosh
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Brad Miller
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Ed Miranda
St. Louis University

Johnathan Mirian
Columbia University

Dominique Morris
Vanderbilt University

Jonathan Mott
Vanderbilt University

Reid Murphy
Wake Forest University

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Rhodes College

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Vanderbilt University

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University of Tennessee-Knoxville

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Vanderbilt University

David Pfeffer
Case Western Reserve University

Elliot Pinsky
Tulane University

Paul Pope
Dartmouth College

Chris Power
University of Mississippi

Billy Pritchett
University of Georgia

Matt Read
Auburn University

Ryan Rich
Vanderbilt University

Tucker Robinson
Indiana University

Josh Rosenblatt
George Washington University

Ian Russell
Arizona State University

Scott Sagen
University of Texas-Austin

Jason Sanders
Boston University

Jeff Scobey
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Nathan Sensing
University of Georgia

William Shell
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Phillip Simpson
United States Military Academy

Hulsey Smith
Southern Methodist University

Stephen Smith
Princeton University

Paul Steele
Vanderbilt University

Jeff Sweeney
Rice University

Trey Tally
Tulane University

Will Tate
University of Virginia

Tee Tompkins
Vanderbilt University

Sumeet Vaikunth
Vanderbilt University

John Voigt
Muhlenberg College

Eric Wachtler
University of Tennessee-Knoxville

Paul Weissert
Colorado State University

Mark Wheeler
College of Charleston

Graham Worsham
University of Mississippi

Jeff Young
Baylor University

NEWS BRIEFS

Senior Will Bruce Follows his Dreams

Will Bruce signed a tender with a Junior A hockey team, the Capital Center Pride of the North American Hockey League, in Lansing, Michigan. Bruce, thought by many to be the best junior hockey player ever to come out of middle Tennessee, was a founding member and fearless leader of the recently created MBA hockey team.

Bruce will also be attending United States Hockey League camps this summer in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Omaha, Nebraska.

Only time will tell if this is the beginning of a professional career.

Track Team Wins State Championship!

Thanks to strong showings by decathletes Steve Ingram and

Christopher Schmitz, who finished fifth and ninth respectively, MBA started Friday, May 25, with some points already on the board.

Early that Friday morning, the team jumped out to an eight point lead after field events and the two-mile run. Some strong finishes included Will Denbo as first in shot put, Walker Duncan as second in discus, Cannon Kinnard as second in the pole vault, and Nathan Mullins as fourth in the 3200 meter run.

The team ran very well, but the favored team, Baylor, followed close behind the entire meet even capturing the lead for a few races. High finishers were Nick Reid as third in the 800, Cook Wyly as third in the 400, Steve Ingram as second in the 110 Hurdles, and our 4x200 Gray Skinner, Dominique Morris, Zac Sorenson, Aleen Turner and 4x800 (Nick Reid, Jeff Snyder, Clayton Trammell, Morgan Miller) relay teams who both finished first. But it was the 4x400 team of Cook Wyly, Alex

Hagermeier, Christopher Schmitz and Steve Ingram that pulled the Big Red ahead of Baylor for good.

Eleven Seniors Sign with Division I Schools

It is widely known that the Class of 2001 was a stellar one in athletics. This year nine of those athletes are taking their talent to the next level.

Phillip Simpson, arguably the best wrestler in Tennessee history, signed with West Point as did rifleman, Jared Lovett.

In football, Jangle Martin signed with the University of Florida, Moses Osenwegie and Dominique Morris signed with Vanderbilt, and Hubey Smith signed with Southern Methodist University.

In lacrosse, two-time All-American Matthew MacIntosh signed

with UNC-Chapel Hill, All-American Lighthouse Liles and brother William signed with the University of Delaware, and Adam Brooks signed to play at Ohio State University.

Zac Hood signed with the University of Colorado to play tennis.

2001 Yearbook to Be Dedicated to Mrs. Palmore

Mrs. Palmore has a passion for literature and for teaching. Since 1981, she has taught English I, II, and IV, and has been a Freshman, Junior, and Senior class advisor. She has performed masterfully as the chair of the English department over the past eight years after being chosen to succeed the legendary Mrs. Mary Helen Lowry.

The Bell staff was proud to announce the 2001 dedication to Mrs. Palmore last night.

Close Friend of MBA Amidst Literary Controversy

by Michael Pass

Alice Randall is a Harvard graduate, a country music songwriter who has lived in Nashville her entire professional career, a novelist, a screenwriter, and she even helps Mr. Gioia teach his senior AP English class. She has visited about once every quarter to discuss certain aspects and themes of the material covered in the class, and seniors in this class have agreed that the eagerness with which she approaches and teaches the literature is phenomenal.

Recently Ms. Randall wrote a novel, *The Wind Done Gone*, which parodies the racism and stereotypes of Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*. Although the book received

extremely positive literary reviews, a Federal Court initially blocked the book's publication on the grounds that it infringed upon the copyright of Mitchell's novel, by pirating characters, scenes, and dialogue.

On May 26, however, the United States Court of Appeals in Atlanta overturned that ruling, opening the way for *The Wind Done Gone*'s publication.

Despite the most recent ruling, the litigation may not be over, depending upon how the Mitchell Trust plans to pursue their case against Ms. Randall.

The Bell Ringer is currently conducting a two-part interview with Alice Randall concerning her life, career, and novel, which will be published in the fall of next year.



Above is a cover of the novel you will hopefully see in stores soon.

Senior Directed One Acts Display Sophisticated Humor

by Johnathan Mirian

Feeling a madness and synergy that only comes upon me during an MBA production, I felt a special tinge of insanity and fever coming over me as *The Case of the Crushed Petenians* opened the night. Maggie Waltham, who played Dorothy Simple in this play, is quite possibly the most dazzling woman I have ever seen in my life. And, Jonathan Bachelor, who played "Officer" is quite possibly the most dazzling man I have ever seen! Charlie Harris did an incredible job directing this complex play by Tennessee Williams. He kept the logic of why the petenians were crushed free-flowing, lucid, and fluid.

Following that engaging production, *Medea*, directed by Mark Whoder, rushed onto the stage with a flurry of fury that made me sit back in my chair and cross my heart. Energy, energy can best characterize the role of Medea played by Melissa Pinsky. She kept the pace of the short play quick

and up-beat. I felt like I was on some kind of caffeine pill the whole time. An undulating fluctuation of loud and soft was emphasized by the monotone and very comical drone of the chorus. Seniors Paul Johnson and Charlie Harris were especially hysterical. The climax, the zenith, the summit of this great short play was reached when Edward Buchanan came down from the celestial heavens as the "Deus ex Machina." His improvisation, his enthusiasm, his over-arching creativity which



Senior Jonathan Bachelor (left) and Maggie Waltham are pictured here in *The Case of the Crushed Petenians*.

such a limited role shined forth with all the brilliance and refulgence of the blazing Dog Star.

The seventh layer of my burrito from Taco Bell I ate before the show was hitting me by the time *Adaptation* began. But, knowing that the comic genius Jonathan Bachelor had directed it, I came to the disturbing realization that I would not be able to leave. Adam Brooks playing a father was a scary thought, but he did an incredible job doing his Moxley impression for the voice of his character.

Final Farewells to Much Loved Faculty

Dr. John Griffith

by William Sisk

I remember it like it was yesterday. I was walking into Wallace Hall for the first day of my Junior year. I had heard many a tale about my first period teacher, Dr. Griffith.

I walked timidly into the classroom, fearing the rumors that had surfaced over his long tenure at Montgomery Bell. "He has the stature and physique of Beowulf," one fellow peer told me. "He has the courage and charisma of Sir Gawain," another revealed. "He has expectations of his students, his work, his body, and his mind that rival Pip's expectations," a student said. "Dr. G. has a Marmesque philosophy about him that can put the fear of God into you if you don't watch out!" said another former Griffith student. "Doc, Griffith has traveled further than Gulliver, and he knows how to speak and write in nineteen different languages, even Anglo-Saxon!" someone shouted. "He puts James Joyce to shame with his knowledge and clever phrasing of words, not to mention he knows more about Wordsworth than Wordsworth knew about himself," I overheard in a conversation. "He is GOD!" Matthew Macintosh, FCA president, revealed to me in a private conversation.

After he had already threatened my life if I ever told anyone that information. Yeah, I was scared. Not because of what I had heard about Dr. G. but because I didn't know who any of these people were that had been compared to Dr. Griffith. "I am actually going to have to read books this year and learn new, tough English and Irish literature," I thought. Huh, boy was I wrong.

The first couple of weeks went by, and to be honest, Dr. G's class was not one of my favorites. We had tons of work, both reading and writing assignments, full-length quarter syllabi, and tests or quizzes every other couple of days. Luckily, that soon changed. He started to get behind in the syllabus, or maybe it was we who started to get behind. Either way, the reading load became less, and the amount that Doc led the discussions in class became a lot more.

We soon learned that Dr. G. loves to talk. He talked more than any other teacher I have ever had. Now, this isn't a bad thing at all. He proved his

knowledge to us in what he said and taught. He knew and knows more facts than anyone I have ever met. He actually can speak Anglo-Saxon and can recite almost any line from any poem. He really is similar to a god. Matthew was right. Dr. G. grew on all of his students, just like George Costanza grows on people. Then, I learned, along with Charles Anderson, Walker Duncan, and the rest of my class, that Dr. G. was not Beowulf or Marmoset or even Pip. He was George Costanza from Seinfeld. He might be a little bit brighter than George, but he is still very similar. He lives with his parents (not really, but it adds to the story), he doesn't really ever do any work, and somehow he still manages to snag an M.W. here, or a Big T there. He even hit Charles Anderson in class.

Unfortunately for everyone that is going to be a Junior next year, Dr. Griffith is leaving, and Michael Kelly is taking over English III Honors. This situation is a tragedy.

Dr. Griffith is departing MBA and is joining forces with Miami Valley, a private school in Dayton, Ohio. He has been in numerous musicals since his first days at MBA dating back to 1992, and his long nine-year stay here will be sorely missed. We will all miss the way he carried his Tazmanian Devil coffee cup into class everyday. The way in

which he banged his green briefcase over his shoulder and sauntered in class is another classic example of who Dr. G. is. His personality, wit, charm (even though it doesn't always work with the females) was something that captured all of his students and the faculty. The school and English department will be a man down with Doc's departure. Even though I have only known him for one year, he really has been one of my favorite teachers and has already become a legend on the MBA campus. The English department really will be hurting without him. The College Counseling Staff will be a loss as well. Luckily, Mrs. Stern will pick them back up and help out in that area. Doc, I will really miss your presence at MBA. You have meant a lot to me, my friends, other teachers (I think), and the whole community. I know you are moving on to bigger and better things, but I hope you always remember your days spent "where everybody knows your name." You have been a great friend to many, and we all miss talking to you and hearing your stories. I hope that the rest

of your life is filled with good times, and that you come back and visit us next year. You find some day, don't worry. On behalf of everyone and anyone that has ever been graced with your presence, thank you! ROLL, RED, ROLL!

Mr. Patrick Roberts

by Thompson Paine

When I think of my Eighth Grade year at MBA it is hard not to think first of

Mr. Roberts. I began and ended every school day with him as he was my teacher for first period English and eighth period Cultural Geography. He was also my football coach for two hours every day in the fall. I hardly even believe that I am saying this, but some of my fondest memories of those

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The G-Man strikes his pose.

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Senior Directed One Acts a Hit at MBA

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Aaron Manier played an Alex Trebek hopped up on speed and goofballs while communing with the devil. But he did it all in a very humorous and eccentric way, keeping with the tone of the play. Jay Harbison, the star of *Adaptation*, came into his own as the audience saw him grow up from infancy to parenthood. The metamorphosis truly took shape even though Jay still remained Jay. His acting allowed the audience to believe that he truly was a three-year-old or a thirty-year-old, though that may be hard to believe. Finally, Patrick Gibbs played a masterful dual role that is only eclipsed by the epic performance of Bob Hoskins in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*. Being both a doctor and a professor, Patrick made me weep...simply weep.

Intermission was fun. I got some coke and fresh air and a peanut I found on the ground (oven-roasted in Detroit).

Certainly, the first three plays

can be seen as a build up to the last three. Like a crashing crescendo, the latter half of the production abounded in enjoyment and excitement. *Desire, Desire, Desire*, directed by Jason Sanders was so intensely intense (hah!) that my shirt turned inside out and did a

certainly conveyed to the audience.

William Kaminski is quite possibly the best actor at MBA. I saw him in *Golden Boy*, and he was riveting. Once again, in Aaron Manier's *Fam and Yam*, Kaminski was startlingly real in his portrayal of a true enthusiast, a true

For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls, directed by William Kaminski, brought forth Jay Harbison in a way I have never viewed him...funny. He made me laugh...he made me laugh a whole lot, and I liked it. This play was a comical take on Tennessee Williams' play *The Glass Menagerie*, and Jay feigned eczema, asthma, and a limp all through the play in a very humorous way. Maggie Moss was also shining in her role as a very manly lesbian who spoke loud and hit hard. Jason Sanders, as Tom, also gave a



(Left to Right) *Adaptation*: Jay Harbison and Patrick Gibbs; *Desire, Desire, Desire*: Andrew Dunn, Wesley Hughes, John Voigt, and Jessica Turk; *Medea*: Ed Buchanan and Melissa Pinsky.

little jig on the top of my neighbor's head. It was that good. Andrew Dunn was titillating in his quiet, boy-next-door way. Wesley Hughes as Blanche was perfect for the role. Her Southern accent made me want to quit school and marry her right away. She has some incredible skill as an actress. John Voigt, playing Stanley, donned his wife-beater and a beer can and perfectly projected the true persona of his character. And certainly, the love for his wife, "STELLA!," was

thespian of Broadway, roaming the cold streets, hoping to pick up a line here and a musical number there, yearning for a drop of air from a Broadway theater, looking for the next big story to write. This dark play also featured Tommy McGinn. His hysterical, drunken laughter resonated through Paschall Theater and sent a shiver down my spine. The depression and hopelessness of Tommy's character truly came forth from the bottle of liquor.

stirring performance in a moving soliloquy near the end of the short play.

In the famous words of the German playwright Gunther Kirche, "The theater is more than the theater, it is a way of life that can only be surpassed by the vanilla filling of a deluxe Oreo cookie."

I made that up.

Editor's Note: Yes, the author of this article is, in fact, crazy.

Farewells

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classes involved diagramming sentences. It is rare to see students get excited and competitive with grammar, but Mr. Roberts did it with his weekly competitions. Just so it didn't get dull he would throw in a question from the 1995 Almanac every now and then too.



Also, for some strange reason, I had a knack for running into Mr. Roberts while he was on dates, which subjected him to endless questions and jokes in class which he always handled with a good sense of humor.

On the playing field he was tough. Actually that is probably a drastic understatement. I have heard three three-sport athletes in the senior class this year say that eighth grade football was the hardest athletic season of their lives. But he was a coach whom we still felt close to and played our hearts out for come game time, no matter how much we cursed all the conditioning in practice.

Mr. Roberts has been with Alumni and Development for the past few years, and perhaps that is where he will be most sorely missed. But as for me and the students, we will miss

him most as a fun teacher and great coach.

Mr. Roberts will become Director of Admissions at University Liggett School in Gross Point, Michigan.

Mrs. Sue Miller

by Mrs. Mildred Tilley

I cannot think of anyone more professionally capable or more loyal to MBA than Mrs. Sue Miller. Mrs. Miller is an outstanding librarian who has quietly gone about the business of making the Patrick Wilson Library one of the finest school libraries in the southeast. She came to MBA in January, 1985, taking over for Ms. Tilley who was about to have a baby (Robert Stewart).

For eleven years, Mrs. Miller worked with Mrs. Mildred Simmons. She and Mrs. Simmons tackled the herculean task of automating the library as well as gaining access to Vanderbilt's online catalog. Later, Mrs. Miller collaborated with Mr. Gioia, other teachers and architect, Kem Hinton to plan for the remodeling and additions to the Patrick Wilson Library which were completed in 1997.

This past year, she had the foresight to write a grant initiating an archives for MBA, so that pictures and documents of MBA's past will not be lost.

Students and teachers know

Mrs. Miller as a patient, intelligent woman who has an uncanny knack for tracking down the answers to tough questions. Because of her good sense and quiet humor, she has also been an outstanding faculty advisor to students for many years.

Mrs. Miller has "seen it all" when it comes to the actions of MBA's young men. One student prank she will never forget happened when she walked in to work one morning and discovered that all of the library books had been turned backwards!

I think I speak for everyone at MBA when I say, "Mrs. Miller, we will miss you very much and are a better community because of your presence over the past 16 years. Enjoy your retirement but don't forget to come back to visit us often."

Mr. Lyle Husband

by Sumeet Vaikunth

For the past three years, Mr. T. Lyle Husband has taught either Grammar/Vocabulary or U.S. History to the 7th grade in the Junior School.

In addition to his teaching duties, he has been the head coach of the Freshman basketball team, an assistant coach for Varsity Basketball and Football, and an assistant for freshman football. In his three years at MBA, the Varsity Football and Basketball teams have won five state championships, and the Freshman basketball teams have advanced deep into the Freshman District tournament

each year.

Coach Husband is loved by all of his students and players, and we wish him the best in the future. He will begin coaching and teaching at his alma mater, Brentwood Academy, this fall.

Mr. Adam Michael

by Miller Harris

Five years after receiving his MBA diploma, Adam Michael returned to the Hill.

Entering the first time around as a 9th grader, he became a regular in the Service Club and at soup kitchen, a freshman basketball, a varsity tennis player, and a stellar student. Upon earning a degree in history from Duke University, Michael was primed to contribute to the Big Red. As a teacher, Adam taught American History to both 7th graders and to juniors and seniors (in the unexpected and unfortunate absence of Mr. Kyle Bills).

Beyond the confines of his classroom, he could be found proctoring the computer lab during 6th period, coaching Microbe intramurals after school, conversing outside with upperclassmen about the realities of college life, or boasting about Blue Devil basketball any time the opportunity arose.

When students pour onto campus for the start of the 2001-02 school year, MBA will miss Adam Michael, but will be wishing him the best of luck as he begins law school in San Francisco at Hastings.

Spring Wrap-up: Soccer, Baseball, Lacrosse and Tennis All Experience Highs and Lows

Compiled by The Bell Ringer Staff

With hopes riding high and inertia carrying the team into the first week of games, the outlook was very bright for the MBA Baseball team.

The season was highlighted



(Left to right) Seniors Ian McDaniel, Nathan Sensing, Bill Alley and Ed Miranda of the baseball team.

by Freshman Scott Pettus' perfect game against Hillwood and the Big Red's win of the Cheatham County Classic Tournament, in which the team outscored its opponents 73-17. But after disappointing losses to both Brentwood Academy and Battle Ground Academy in post-season play, the season was over, setting the unofficial record at 21-17.

As far as the statistics stand,

Warner Jones finished with the top Batting Average at .500, while Nathan Sensing had the most RBIs. Andrew Wilson had 10 HEADGE home runs, Scott Pettus struck out over half of his opponents, and Drake Jarman had the lowest ERA, around 2.00. The team will only lose four seniors this year: Nathan Sensing, Ed Miranda, Bill Alley and Ian McDaniel, but this loss will be felt hard as they have been an integral part of the MBA Baseball program. Next year will be a great year for MBA Baseball. Make sure that you go out and catch a game sometime next spring.

2001 was indeed a year to remember for the Big Red Lacrosse team. Through all the sweat, injuries, and heartbreak, the MBA Varsity Lacrosse Team earned respect not only for MBA but also for Tennessee lacrosse. Led by eight outstanding seniors, the varsity squad competed with some of the nation's toughest teams and proved to be one of the elite high school lacrosse programs in the South. Destroying local competition like Farragut, Webb, Father Ryan, and USN, MBA was ready for a real challenge. With wins against nationally ranked teams like Durham Academy, St. Johns,

and Charlotte Country Day, the spring break trip proved to be a great success. After earning the respect of Dublin Scioto in Ohio, the varsity team focused its efforts on the state championship. Comfortably pounding Christian Brothers and McCallie, all attention was directed towards MUS.

With USN acting as nothing more than a helpless road-block on the

way to the title game, the lacrosse team humiliated the Tigers on two separate occasions. On a bright Saturday morning, the 2001 squad stepped onto the field for its final game. Battling MUS for four quarters and two overtime periods, despite the heroics of Adam Brooks and the defense, MBA lost a gut-wrenching classic. Through all the disappointment, the team had accomplished many of its goals. It had challenged great teams, dominated the state of Tennessee, and earned great respect for MBA lacrosse. MBA received more All-State selections than any other team, with Adam Brooks, William Liles, Leighton Liles, Russell McWhirter, Bennett Graham, Matthew McIntosh, Jeff Scobey, Zach Wall, Ben Hickerson, Cyrus Adams, and David Boyd named to All-State teams. MBA also had both of Tennessee's All-Americans, with Matthew McIntosh and Leighton Liles being honored. 2001 was historic.

The 2001 MBA soccer team's season was marked by screaming Hondurans, the shaving of

Cherry's head, and a late rally that nearly sent the team to the final four in Chattanooga. Senior leadership this season came from all areas of the soccer field. Captains Michael "Pelé" Osburn and Will Greathouse mentally prepared the team for battle in each and every match while also showing their stuff on the field. Billy Pritchett and Brad Boyd added much-needed speed to the Big Red machine as they flew down the sidelines past their defenders. Britt Groomes gave the team strength and a "Bad Boy" attitude in the midfield, while Matt Read supported the defense. Paul Weissert showed off his Canadian goalkeeping skills, and manager Elliot "Teddy" Pinsky provided the team with stats and valuable moral support. A

talented group of juniors was always seen in the starting lineup as well, including Brian Charnock, Brandon Booth, "Duke" Cowden, Drew Oldham, Matthew Haitas, Ben Bevans, Ross Johnson, and Todd Westfield.

The Big Red soccer team had a rollercoaster regular season. After a big win over Father Ryan 1-0, the Big Red soccer team emerged from the



Seniors Michael Osburn (left, in red jersey) and Will Greathouse work the ball up the field.

tournament as Region Champions. Only one goal separated the team from its first trip to the final four in over nineteen years as it was devastated by an ugly and questionably officiated 2-1 loss to ECS in the sub-state. Overall, however, the 2001 season was full of both fun and excitement, as the team finished with a not too shabby record of 10-8-1.

The 2001 season was a big one for the MBA tennis team. After two rebuilding years and a surprisingly strong finish last year at second in the state, the tennis team recaptured the prominence it enjoyed in years past.

Aided this year by teaching intern Dan McGugin, Coach Clay Bailey led the squad to its first Chattanooga Rotary Championship since 1995 and an undefeated season up until a third place finish in the Carter Invitational in the last weekend in April.

With strong leadership coming from five-year Varsity veteran Zac "Go Doors!" Hood, this year's group of ballers took on a new level of seriousness and discipline as they conditioned and trained through the fall and winter.

"I am a strong believer that hard work pays off," Captain Hood told *The Bell Ringer*. "All our efforts both off-season and during the regular season gave us a great foundation for the immediate success of this year's team and for the years to come."

It was immensely disappointing to come in second in the state tournament to MUS, but with five out of this year's top six players returning hopes and expectations are extremely high for the 2002 season.

Class of 2001 Boasts 13 State Titles

by Sumeet Vaikunth

In four years, the Class of 2001 has won four state air rifle championships, three state football championships, three state basketball championships, three state track championships, and one state cross country championship.

Additionally, MBA teams have been runners-up in the state seven times during this class's participation.

By winning the football, basketball, and track state championships this year, MBA became the first school to win three TSSAA state championships in one year.

The class boasts MBA's five most dominating athletes ever within their respective sports: Will Bruce in ice hockey, Jared Lostetter in riflery, Ingle Martin in football, Matthew McIntosh in lacrosse, and Phillip Simpson in

wrestling.

The only argument that can be made against the class's dominance is that of playing in Division II. The class had no control over this decision, and many athletes would have loved the



The Senior athletes of 2000-2001 are pictured here after a banquet honoring their achievements with all the trophies they have won in the past four years.

opportunity to play with the Division I teams as well so there would not be any doubt about who was the best in the state.

Nevertheless, no other class playing in Division II, from 1998 to 2000, or any other division in MBA's 134 years has done better athletically than the Class of 2001.

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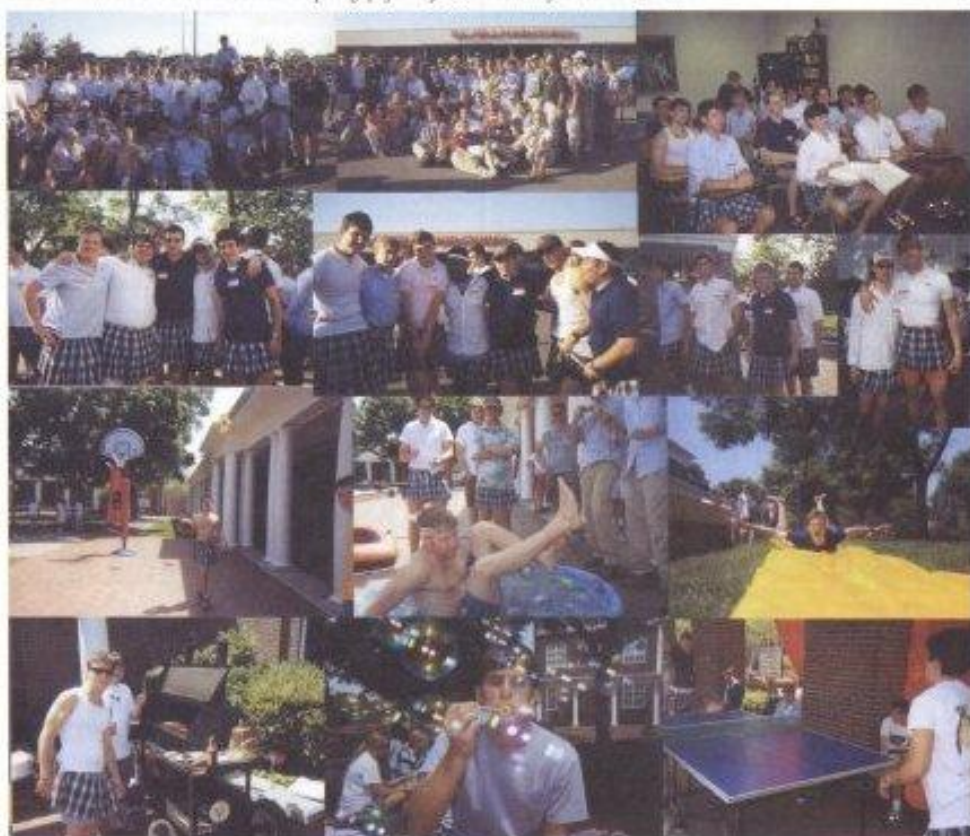
The Best Prank Ever?

The Class of 2001, in an effort to undo its predecessors one last time before its departure, went all out for this year's senior prank. As a result of certain problems with past pranks, the seniors were given three guidelines: (1) it had to be over by 9:00a.m., and (2) it should be easy to clean up. (There was also the unspoken rule that they had better not do anything stupid.) So the senior class officers of MBA joined with those of Harpeth Hall and planned what quickly began being known as the "The Switch."

At 7:00a.m. both senior classes met at H.G. Hill Food Stores in Green Hills and traded uniforms. At 8:00 sharp the guys journeyed over

to Harpeth Hall for class and the girls replaced their male counterparts in first period classes on the Hill. Each person had on the name of the guy or girl for whom they were substituting. After first period they switched back and returned to their own campuses. At MBA, a party followed celebrating the seniors' last day of school. Everything from charcoal grills and baby pools to basketball goals and a ping-pong tables were set-up outside the Davis Building for the event.

With little clean-up cost and a fabulous time had by all, was this the best prank ever? Here some pictures of the prank and the party on the day of the Great Switch.



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